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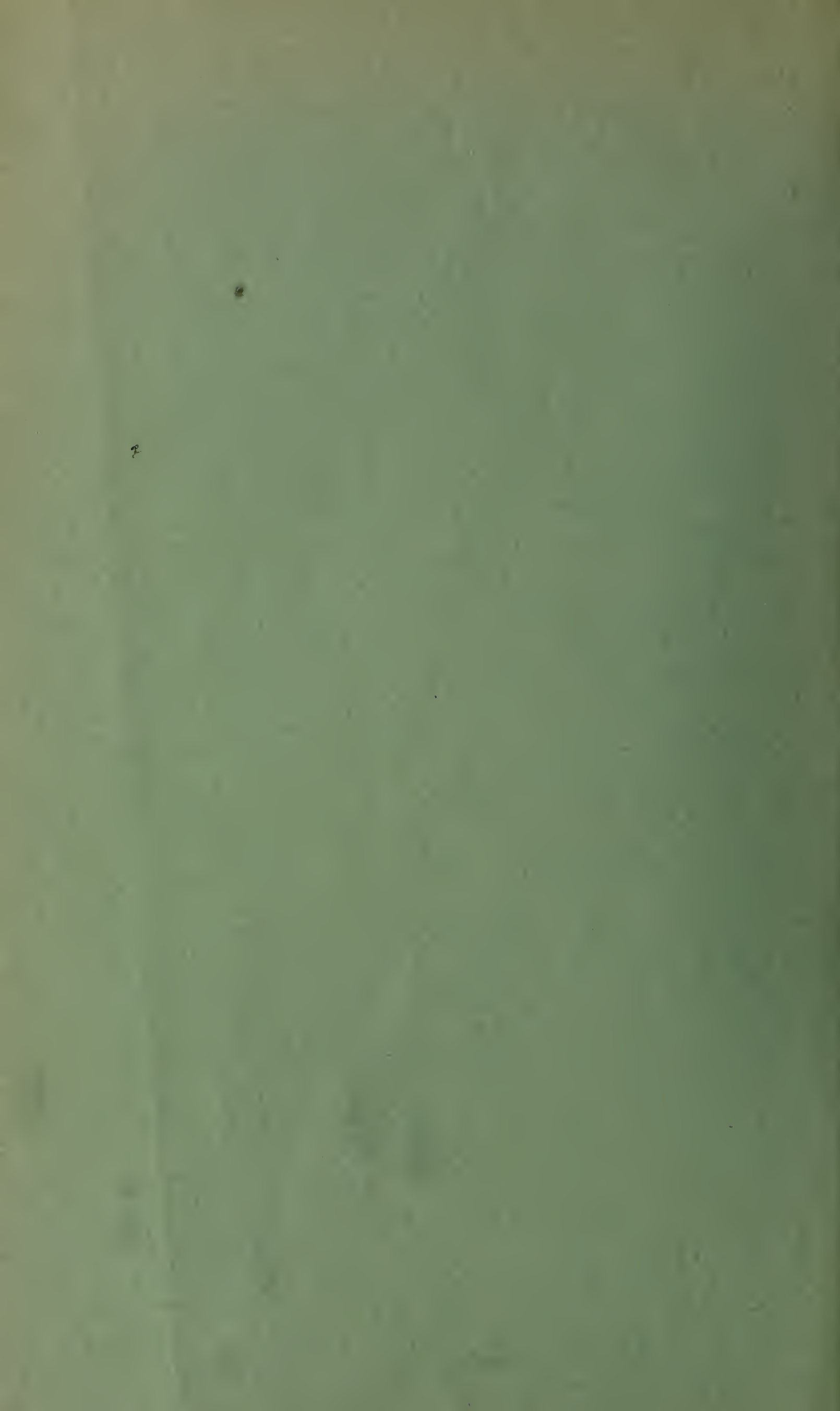


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MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

for the Year 1962

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# VITAL STATISTICS

Area in acres \_\_\_\_\_ 4,771  
 Rateable Value at April 1st 1962  
 \_\_\_\_\_ £161,132  
 Sum represented by a penny rate  
 \_\_\_\_\_ £675

Number of occupied houses  
 \_\_\_\_\_ 4,212  
 Number of Council Houses  
 \_\_\_\_\_ 890  
 Population (mid. 1962)  
 \_\_\_\_\_ 11,800

## BIRTHS

Live births: Legitimate

Male \_\_\_\_\_ 105  
 Female \_\_\_\_\_ 91  
 Total \_\_\_\_\_ 196

### Illegitimate

Male \_\_\_\_\_ NIL  
 Female \_\_\_\_\_ 7  
 Total \_\_\_\_\_ 7

### All live births

Male \_\_\_\_\_ 105  
 Female \_\_\_\_\_ 98  
 Total \_\_\_\_\_ 203

Still births:

Male \_\_\_\_\_ NIL  
 Female \_\_\_\_\_ 3  
 Total \_\_\_\_\_ 3

Birth rate per 1,000 estimated  
 population \_\_\_\_\_ 17.2

## DEATHS

Deaths: All causes

Male \_\_\_\_\_ 69  
 Female \_\_\_\_\_ 72  
 Total \_\_\_\_\_ 141

Deaths from puerperal causes

\_\_\_\_\_ NIL

Deaths of infants under 1 year  
 of age

Male \_\_\_\_\_ 1  
 Female \_\_\_\_\_ NIL  
 Total \_\_\_\_\_ 1

Death of infants under 4 weeks  
 of age

Male \_\_\_\_\_ 1  
 Female \_\_\_\_\_ NIL  
 Total \_\_\_\_\_ 1

Death rate per 1,000 estimated  
 population \_\_\_\_\_ 11.9



Causes of Death:

| <u>Registrar General's</u><br><u>Classification</u> |  |   |   |   | 1962 |        |       |
|---|--|---|---|---|------|--------|-------|
|   |  |   |   |   | Male | Female | Total |
| 1   | Tuberculosis, Respiratory                | - | - | - | -    | -      | -     |
| 2   | Tuberculosis, other                      | - | - | - | -    | -      | -     |
| 3   | Syphilitic disease                       | - | - | - | -    | 1      | 1     |
| 4   | Diphtheria                               | - | - | - | -    | -      | -     |
| 5   | Whooping cough                           | - | - | - | -    | -      | -     |
| 6   | Meningococcal infections                 | - | - | - | -    | -      | -     |
| 7   | Acute poliomyelitis                      | - | - | - | -    | -      | -     |
| 8   | Measles                                  | - | - | - | -    | -      | -     |
| 9   | Other infective and parasitic diseases-  | - | - | - | -    | -      | -     |
| 10  | Malignant neoplasm, stomach              | - | - | - | 4    | -      | 4     |
| 11  | Malignant neoplasm, lung, bronchus       | - | - | - | 1    | 2      | 3     |
| 12  | Malignant neoplasm, breast               | - | - | - | -    | 3      | 3     |
| 13  | Malignant neoplasm, uterus               | - | - | - | -    | 1      | 1     |
| 14  | Malignant neoplasms, lymphatic & other-  | - | - | - | 7    | 6      | 13    |
| 15  | Leukaemia, aleukaemia                    | - | - | - | -    | -      | -     |
| 16  | Diabetes                                 | - | - | - | 1    | -      | 1     |
| 17  | Vascular lesions of the nervous system-  | - | - | - | 9    | 14     | 23    |
| 18  | Coronary disease, angina-                | - | - | - | 15   | 7      | 22    |
| 19  | Hypertension with heart disease-         | - | - | - | -    | -      | -     |
| 20  | Other heart disease                      | - | - | - | 11   | 16     | 27    |
| 21  | Other circulatory disease                | - | - | - | 4    | 4      | 8     |
| 22  | Influenza                                | - | - | - | -    | 1      | 1     |
| 23  | Pneumonia                                | - | - | - | 4    | 1      | 5     |
| 24  | Bronchitis                               | - | - | - | 7    | 1      | 8     |
| 25  | Other diseases of the respiratory system | - | - | - | -    | 1      | 1     |
| 26  | Ulcer of stomach or duodenum             | - | - | - | -    | -      | -     |
| 27  | Gastritis, enteritis and diarrhoea       | - | - | - | 1    | 2      | 3     |
| 28  | Nephritis and nephrosis                  | - | - | - | -    | -      | -     |
| 29  | Hyperplasia of the prostate              | - | - | - | 1    | -      | 1     |
| 30  | Pregnancy, childbirth, abortion-         | - | - | - | -    | -      | -     |
| 31  | Congenital malformations                 | - | - | - | 1    | 1      | 2     |
| 32  | Other defined and ill-defined diseases-  | - | - | - | 2    | 8      | 10    |
| 33  | Motor Vehicle accidents                  | - | - | - | -    | 1      | 1     |
| 34  | All other accidents                      | - | - | - | 1    | 2      | 3     |
| 35  | Suicide                                  | - | - | - | -    | -      | -     |
| 36  | Homicide and operations of war           | - | - | - | -    | -      | -     |
| Total deaths, all causes                            |  |   |   |   | 69   | 72     | 141   |



## CONTROL AND PREVENTION OF INFECTIOUS DISEASE.

### Immunisation

Immunisation against diphtheria and poliomyelitis continued during the year with a satisfactory response. 123 children received primary immunisation against diphtheria and a further 91 received injections to maintain immunity.

B.C.G. vaccination of school leavers was again carried out.

### Tuberculosis

There were no deaths from pulmonary tuberculosis during the year.

Three new cases of pulmonary tuberculosis were notified.

Cases residing in the District at the close of the year were distributed as follows:-


|                            | <u>Male</u> | <u>Female</u> | <u>Total</u> |
|----------------------------|-------------|---------------|--------------|
| Pulmonary tuberculosis     | 20          | 15            | 35           |
| Non-pulmonary tuberculosis | 5           | 4             | 9            |
| Totals                     | 25          | 19            | 44           |

### Other infectious disease

The following cases were notified:-

|                      |   |
|----------------------|---|
| Measles _____        | 8 |
| Whooping cough _____ | 1 |
| Scarlet fever _____  | 2 |





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## SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA.

For the preparation of the following information I am indebted to Mr. Basil S. Pike, Chief Public Health Inspector.

### Water Supply

Water supplies remained satisfactory in quality and quantity, no shortages occurring during the year.

Ten samples of treated water were tested. All were satisfactory.

The present supply to dwelling houses in the district is as follows:

|  | <u>Houses</u> | <u>Population</u> |
|--|---------------|-------------------|
| Number supplied from wells:              | 2             | 8                 |
| Number supplied from public water mains: |               |                   |
| (a) Direct to the houses                 | 4,202         | 11,774            |
| (b) By means of standpipes               | 8             | 18                |

Two samples of water from private wells were taken for bacteriological examination and found to be satisfactory.

### Sewage Disposal

Reconstruction of the Sewage Disposal Works was fully completed.

Regular analyses of effluent from the works showed that the filter beds developed full biological activity within four months and thereafter produced an effluent of high quality.

### Refuse Collection

Houses and other premises are provided with dustbins for refuse storage. Collection is on a weekly basis, and disposal is by controlled tipping.

Trade refuse is collected weekly from approximately 140 premises, about 200 bins or their equivalent being dealt with under the scheme. The charge for this service was maintained at £2.5.0. per bin per annum.

### Inspection of the Area.

|   |       |
|---|-------|
| Complaints received   | 448   |
| Premises involved at which nuisances or defects were dealt with | 751   |
| No. of inspections made   | 3,919 |



Nature of Inspections.

|                                   | Number of Inspections |
|-----------------------------------|-----------------------|
| Animal Keeping                    | 8                     |
| Bakehouses                        | 6                     |
| Dairies                           | 17                    |
| Drainage Works                    | 120                   |
| Dwelling-houses                   | 1,605                 |
| Infectious Disease Enquiries      | 3                     |
| Food Premises                     | 502                   |
| Offensive Trades                  | 2                     |
| Refuse Collection and Disposal    | 374                   |
| Schools                           | 2                     |
| Shops                             | 59                    |
| Slaughterhouses & Meat Inspection | 533                   |
| Smoke Control                     | 23                    |
| Caravans, etc.                    | 28                    |
| Verminous and Dirty Premises      | 8                     |
| Water Supplies                    | 7                     |
| Factories and Workshops           | 57                    |
| Other Inspections                 | 565                   |

Notices.

| INFORMAL                   | HOUSING | PUBLIC HEALTH |
|----------------------------|---------|---------------|
| Outstanding on 1st January | 8       | 23            |
| Issued during year         | 110     | 180           |
| Complied with during year  | 102     | 184           |
| Outstanding 31st December  | 16      | 19            |
|                            |         |               |
| STATUTORY                  | HOUSING | PUBLIC HEALTH |
| Outstanding on 1st January | -       | 4             |
| Issued during year         | 2       | 15            |
| Complied with during year  | -       | 4             |
| Outstanding 31st December  | 2       | 15            |



Pet Animals Act, 1951

|                         |     |
|-------------------------|-----|
| Licences renewed/issued | 3   |
| Visits to premises      | 4   |
| Contraventions found    | NIL |

Rag Flock and Other Filling Materials Act, 1951

Number of premises registered for upholstering, etc. 1.

Special classes of premises and Occupations subject to control.

Written consent to establishment of trade of Rag  
and Bone Dealer renewed 1

Written consent to establishment of trade of  
Fat Extractor, Fat Melter and Glue Maker  
in operation 1

These premises were inspected on two occasions.  
There were no matters necessitating attention.

Prevention of Damage by Pests Act, 1949.

The Rodent Officer, as other duties permitted, has  
proceeded with the routine inspection of the District. 4,306  
Visits and Inspections have been made during the year, in routine  
survey of the District & treatment at premises. Infestations  
by rodents are treated free at dwelling houses; business and  
agricultural premises are charged for the service. Council  
properties are inspected regularly and treated as required.

Disinfestation

No verminous premises were discovered during 1962.

Swimming Baths

34 Inspections were made of the Public Swimming Baths  
and attention paid to the operation of plant, routine tests  
and maintenance of a good swimming water throughout the year.  
11 samples were taken for bacteriological examination and all  
but one were satisfactory.

Caravan Sites and Control of Development Act, 1960.

One site licence was issued in respect of an  
individual van.

Vans were removed from three unlicensed sites.





## THE INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD

### Food Hygiene (General) Regulations, 1960.

|                                |       |     |
|--------------------------------|-------|-----|
| Premises inspected             | _____ | 79  |
| Inspections made               | _____ | 314 |
| Informal Notices served        | _____ | 21  |
| Informal Notices complied with | _____ | 16  |

A successful prosecution was taken against a butcher under Regulation 9(e). The complaint was of smoking in a food room. The defendant was found guilty on two charges and fined £5 on each count.

### Ice Cream.

61 premises are registered for the sale of icecream.

### Milk: Dairies and Distributors.

|                         |       |     |
|-------------------------|-------|-----|
| Dairies registered      | _____ | 2   |
| Distributors registered | _____ | 6   |
| Inspections made        | _____ | 20  |
| Contraventions found    | _____ | NIL |

### Milk Sampling

Sampling for the detection of infection with living tubercle bacilli or Brucella abortus was continued. 8 samples were taken, all proving satisfactory.

8 samples were also taken for bacteriological examination, and were satisfactory.

### Meat and Other Foods.

The Council owns the abattoir and provides the facilities for a public slaughterhouse.

The appointed day for the closure of the old abattoir was 30th September, 1962. The new abattoir was in part use by October 1st and was fully operational by the middle of that month.

18,237 animals were slaughtered during 1962. All of these were examined at the time of slaughter, 521 visits being made for this purpose.

The findings of examination are shown in the following table:-





# Carcases Inspected and Condemned

|   | Cattle<br>excluding<br>cows | Cows  | Calves | Sheep<br>&<br>Lambs | Pigs  |
|---|-----------------------------|-------|--------|---------------------|-------|
| Number killed   | 2,253                       | 100   | 23     | 13,965              | 1,932 |
| Number inspected  | 2,253                       | 100   | 23     | 13,965              | 1,932 |
| <u>All Diseases except<br/>Tuberculosis</u><br>Whole carcasses<br>condemned | 1                           | 1     | 7      | 53                  | 3     |
| Carcases of which some<br>part or organ was<br>condemned                    | 953                         | 60    | -      | 109                 | 61    |
| Percentage of number<br>affected with disease<br>other than tuberculosis    | 42.34%                      | 61.0% | 30.43% | 1.16%               | 3.31% |
| <u>Tuberculosis only</u><br>Whole carcasses condemned                       | -                           | -     | -      | -                   | -     |
| Carcases of which some<br>part or organ was<br>condemned                    | 10                          | 1     | -      | -                   | 17    |
| Percentage of the<br>number inspected<br>affected with<br>tuberculosis      | 0.44%                       | 1%    | -      | -                   | 0.88% |

Two carcasses were found to be infested with cysticercus bovis and were subjected to refrigeration.

Total weight of meat & offal condemned - 17,169 lbs  
(7 tons. 13cwt. 1qr. 5 lbs.)

## Meat Stalls

Number of Inspections\_\_\_\_\_71

## Meat Shops, Meat Stores, etc.

Number of Inspections\_\_\_\_\_41

Places where food (other than meat) is kept or prepared  
for sale

Number of Inspections\_\_\_\_\_340



## HOUSING

### INSPECTION OF DWELLING HOUSES DURING THE YEAR

Total number of dwelling houses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts). \_\_\_\_\_ 265  
Number of inspections made for the purpose \_\_\_\_\_ 511  
Number of dwelling houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation \_\_\_\_\_ 2

| <u>Houses demolished or closed in the period</u>     | <u>Houses</u> | <u>Number of Persons displaced</u> |
|--|---------------|------------------------------------|
| <u>Housing Act, 1957.</u>                            |               |                                    |
| Demolished   | 8             | 4                                  |
| Closed as a result of closing orders or undertakings | NIL           | NIL                                |

| <u>REPAIRS in the period</u>  | <u>Number of Houses</u> |
|---|-------------------------|
| Unfit houses rendered fit and houses in which defects were remedied during the period                   |                         |
| (i) as a result of informal action by the Local Authority under the Housing or Public Health Acts _____ | 53                      |
| (ii) As a result of formal notices under Public Health Acts _____                                       | 12                      |

#### HOUSING ACT, 1949.

(a) Number of applications for improvement grants \_\_\_\_\_ 6  
(b) Number of applications approved \_\_\_\_\_ 6  
(c) Number of applications refused \_\_\_\_\_ NIL

#### HOUSE PURCHASE & HOUSING ACT, 1959.

(a) Number of applications received for standard grants \_\_\_\_\_ 45  
(b) Number of properties improved during year \_\_\_\_\_ 32

#### New Houses

Houses completed during the year:-  
(a) By Local Authority \_\_\_\_\_ 9  
(b) By private enterprise \_\_\_\_\_ 86

#### Houses under construction at the close of the year:-

(a) By Local Authority \_\_\_\_\_ 20  
(b) By private enterprise \_\_\_\_\_ 81

#### TOTAL number of Post War Houses completed by:-

(a) Local Authority \_\_\_\_\_ 565  
(b) Private enterprise \_\_\_\_\_ 764

Total number of applicants for Council houses at end of year \_\_\_\_\_ 193

Number of applications received during the year \_\_\_\_\_ 53

Number of Council houses in the district prior to 1939 \_\_\_\_\_ 319



Prescribed Particulars on the Administration  
of the Factories Act, 1937.

PART I OF THE ACT.

1. INSPECTIONS:-

| Premises   | Number<br>on<br>Register | Number of        |                    |                         |
|--|--------------------------|------------------|--------------------|-------------------------|
|  |                          | Inspect-<br>ions | Written<br>Notices | Occupiers<br>Prosecuted |
| (1) Factories in which Sections 1,2,3,4 & 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities                    | 42                       | 20               | -                  | -                       |
| (2) Factories not included in (1) in which Sect. 7 is enforced by the Local Authority                  | 82                       | 24               | -                  | -                       |
| (3) Other premises in which Sect. 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding outworkers premises) | 6                        | 6                | -                  | -                       |
| Total  | 130                      | 50               | -                  | -                       |

2. CASES IN WHICH DEFECTS WERE FOUND:-

| Particulars                    | Number of cases in which defects were found |          |                                       |                           | Number of cases in which prosecutions were instituted |
|--------------------------------|---|----------|---------------------------------------|---------------------------|---|
|                                | Found                                       | Remedied | Referred<br>To H.M.<br>Inspect-<br>or | by H.M.<br>Inspect-<br>or |   |
| Want of cleanliness            | -   | -        | -                                     | -                         | -   |
| Overcrowding                   | -   | -        | -                                     | -                         | -   |
| Unreasonable temperature       | -   | -        | -                                     | -                         | -   |
| Inadequate ventilation         | -   | -        | -                                     | -                         | -   |
| Ineffective drainage of floors | -   | -        | -                                     | -                         | -   |
| Sanitary conveniences:         |   |          |                                       |                           |   |
| (a) Insufficient               | -   | -        | -                                     | -                         | -   |
| (b) Unsuitable or defective    | -   | 1        | -                                     | 1                         | -   |
| (c) Not separate for sexes     | -   | -        | -                                     | -                         | -   |
| Other offences                 | 2   | 2        | -                                     | -                         | -   |
| Total                          | 2   | 3        | -                                     | 1                         | -   |

PART VIII OF THE ACT

Outwork  
(Sections 110 and 111)

| Nature of Work                | No. of outworkers on List |
|-------------------------------|---------------------------|
| Wearing apparel, making, etc. | 21                        |







